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In re Application of: :
John Peter Walsh et al. : Art Unit: 1732
Serial No. 10/091,725 : Examiner: Mary Lynn F. Theisen
Filed: March 6, 2002 : Atty Dkt: 16240.213
For: METHOD OF PRODUCING CORE COMPONENT, AND PRODUCT
THEREOF

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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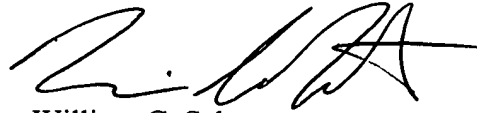
The Examiner is thanked for the Notice of Allowability mailed March 3, 2004. In the Reasons for Allowance, Applicants request that the following spelling corrections be noted:

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not suggest a process for making a cellulosic core component by forming a **perform pre-form** mat of cellulosic fibers and binder resin, wetting at least **on one** of the major surfaces of the mat such that the surface has a least 2% more moisture than the center of the mat and pressing at elevated temperature to form depressions in the mat.

By telephone conference on April 29, 2004, Examiner Theisen confirmed that the above-noted amendments corrected spelling errors in the reasons for allowance.

Applicant submits concurrently herewith the issue and publication fees, along with the requisite transmittal form. It is believed that no other fees are required for submission of the comments herein. Should that determination be incorrect, then please debit Account No. 50-0548 and notify the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. C. Schrot', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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